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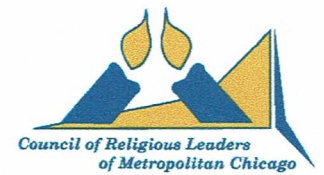
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To the Churches of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

June 3, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Grace to you and peace, in the name of the living God.

**On behalf of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago,
I wish to extend my deep and most sincere sympathy at the death of
Metropolitan Iakovos, on June 2, 2017.**

**As the leaders of forty broadly diverse religious communities, we
remember with gratitude the many years of friendship we have enjoyed
with His Eminence, and his tireless work for peace and justice in our
own Chicagoland community and throughout the world.**

**Our love and prayers are extended to all Orthodox Christians here and
around the world as you mourn his passing. And we live and work
together now, confident that his life and witness will continue to inspire
us and lift us toward the vision of a more perfect creation.**

In Peace,

**Bishop Wayne N. Miller
Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

President, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago